

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

04/06/22

via Zoom

Attendees:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF

Proposed agenda:

- Any changes to the next in-person member meeting?
- Use of large room/projector?
- MOU update, sent another follow-up to Chief James, maybe something by Monday?
- SET registration and planning
- Trying to get another patch box by April 30
- Discuss member meeting agenda below
- Other topics?

Topics discussed:

Treasurer report

- There has been no activity in in the past month.

Memorandum of Understanding

- The most recent email concerning the MOU was sent to Chief James but no response has been received yet.

Technical, Infrastructure, Maintenance committee

- We are still waiting to hear if Chief James can provide entry into El Cerrito City Hall to maintain the radio equipment.

- We still need to install antennas and patchboxes at clubhouse or park locations. A patchbox at the KCC is important.
- Should we use club treasury funds for new antenna equipment or use on-hand equipment?
- EC Parks and Recreation department is OK with our antenna installation request. The Public Works department will probably do the required drilling of holes, etc.

SET planning

- For inexperienced SET participants who are unsure about practice message procedures we can offer to pair an inexperienced operator with an experienced ham.
- GMRS/FRS operator participation is planned for areas with a working neighborhood networks.
- Many practice messages will be scheduled for the SET as usual but some hubs may provide additional unscheduled practice messages directed to the EOC.

In-person meeting

- Would it be possible for us to use the KCC big projector?
- We will try to include a demonstration of digital communication.

FRS/GMRS neighborhood groups

- An FRS/GMRS transceiver set to one channel may receive the signal from another FRS/GMRS transceiver set to a channel that is an adjacent frequency. We would like to set up a test of this so we can try to avoid adjacent frequency interference between neighborhood networks that are close to each other.

Saturday, April 9 evacuation drill

- An evacuation practice drill is arranged for Kensington and El Cerrito residents who live in the hill areas on Saturday morning, April 9. Any KE hams who are available are encouraged to check in to an impromptu net for practice, even if not being an official part of the drill.